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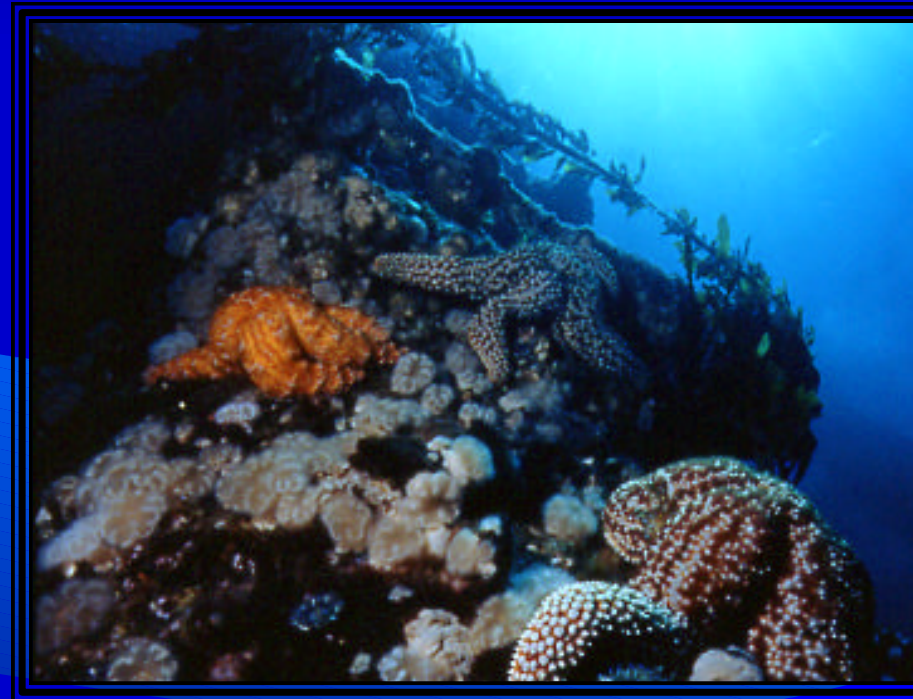
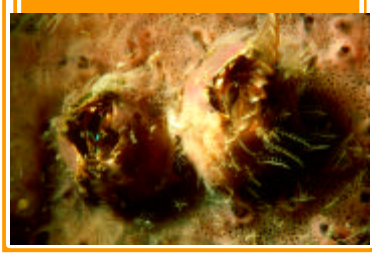
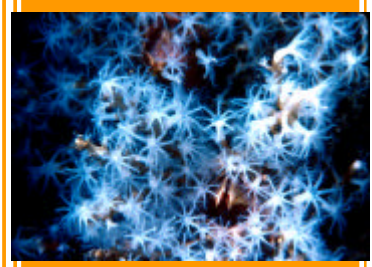


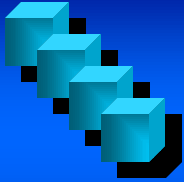
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**The ocean is central to our
health, economy, and National
Security.**

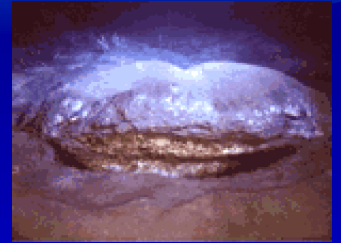


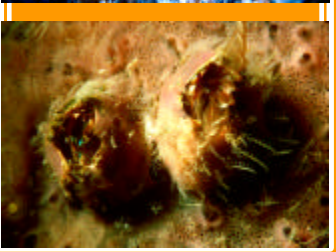
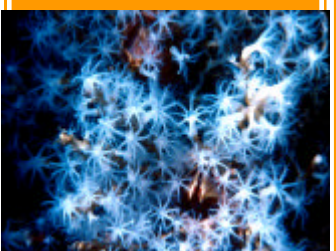
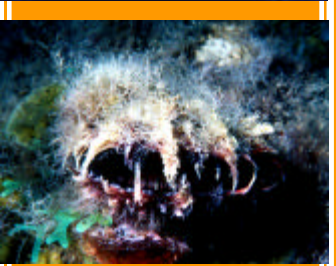


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What's needed.... a system for observing & measuring the ocean so that the day-to-day information is available to create forecasts, manage resources, protect the public health, and to support national security.



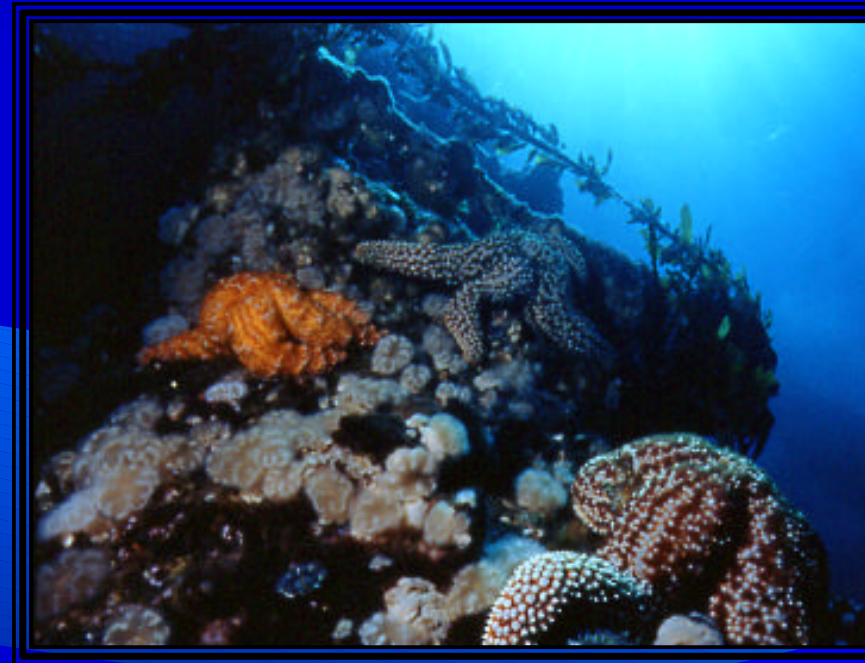
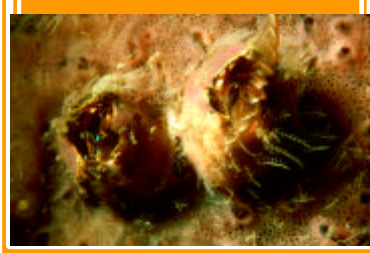


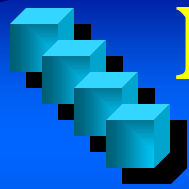
Sort of like.....
a “Weather Channel”
for the Oceans!



The Vision.....

To bring together federal, academic, state institutions, and industry into a coordinated system of monitoring U.S. marine waters.





National Oceanographic Partnership Program

